## COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION

## 1-10 (canceled)

11. (withdrawn) Method of using one ester of the formula (I) to (V)

$$\begin{array}{c}
OR^{1} \\
OR^{2} \\
OR^{3}
\end{array}$$

$$O = C \xrightarrow{OR^{1}}$$

$$OR^{2} \\
OR^{2}$$
(I)

where

 $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  are identical or different and each, independently of one another, are a linear or branched chain  $C_1$ - to  $C_4$ -alkyl,  $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n$ - $CH_3$  with n=1 to 3, a  $C_3$ - to  $C_6$ -cycloalkyl, an aromatic hydrocarbon group which in turn can be substituted, with the proviso that at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  is  $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n$ - $CH_3$  with n=1 to 3

as a solvent in electrolyte systems for Li-ion storage cells.

- 12. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 11, wherein the compound is one wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and, where present,  $R^3$  and/or  $R^4$  are identical and are  $-CH_2-CH_2-O-CH_3$  or  $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_2-CH_3$
- 13. (withdrawn) Method of using at least one of the compounds of formulae (Ia) to (Va)

$$B \leftarrow OCH_2 \leftarrow CH_2OCH_3$$

(Ia)

$$0 = C ( - OCH_2CH_2OCH_3)_2$$

$$O = P(-0 - CH_2 - CH_2 - 0 - CH_3)_3 \quad (IIIa)$$

$$O = S(-0CH_2 - CH_2OCH_3)_2 \quad (IVa)$$

and

$$Si(-OCH2-CH2OCH3)4$$
 (Va)

as a solvent in electrolyte systems for Li-ion storage cells.

- 14. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 11, wherein LiPF<sub>6</sub>, LiBF<sub>4</sub>, LiClO<sub>4</sub>, LiAsF<sub>6</sub>, LiCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, LiC(CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, LiC(CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, LiN(SO<sub>2</sub>F)<sub>2</sub>, LiN(CF<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, LiAlCl<sub>4</sub>, LiSiF<sub>6</sub>, LiSbF<sub>6</sub> or mixtures of two or more thereof are employed as a conducting salt.
- 15. (withdrawn) A composition comprising:

- (A) at least one compound of formula (I) to (V) as defined in claim 11, and
- (b) a conducting salt selected among:

$$\label{eq:lipf6} \begin{split} \text{LiPF}_6, \ \text{LiBF}_4, \ \text{LiCIO}_4, \ \text{LiAsF}_6, \ \text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3, \ \text{LiC}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_3, \ \text{LiC}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2, \\ \text{LiN}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})_2, \ \text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{SO}_2)_2, \ \text{LiAlCI}_4, \ \text{LiSiF}_6, \ \text{LiSbF}_6 \end{split}$$
 and a mixture of two or more thereof .

- 16. (withdrawn) A composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the compound (A) is selected among the compounds of formulae (Ia) to (Va) as defined in claim 3 and a mixture of two or more thereof, and the conducting salt (B) is LiBF<sub>4</sub>.
- 17. (withdrawn) An Li-ion storage cell comprising at least one ester as defined in claim 11.
- 18. (withdrawn) An Li-ion storage cell comprising a composition as claimed in claim 15.
- 19. (withdrawn) Method of using a composition as claimed in claim 15, as an electrolyte system in Li-ion storage cells.
- 20. (withdrawn) A process for preparing an ester of formula (I) to (V), as defined in claim 11, characterized in that a chloride is employed as a starting material and a trialkyl amine is used as a scavenger for HCl formed during the preparation of the ester.
- 21. (withdrawn) A composition comprising
  - (A) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of formulae (Ia), (IIa), (IVa) and (Va)

$$B(-OCH2-CH2OCH3)3 (Ia)$$

$$O=C(-OCH2-CH2OCH3)2 (IIa)$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
O\\
S(-OCH_2-CH_2OCH_3)_2
\end{array}$$
(IVa)

$$Si(-OCH2-CH2-OCH3)4$$
 (Va)

and

- (B) a conducting salt LiBF<sub>4</sub> or a mixture of LiBF<sub>4</sub> and LiPF<sub>6</sub>.
- 22. (withdrawn) An Li-ion storage cell comprising a composition as defined in claim 21.
- 23. (canceled)
- 24. (canceled)
- 25. (withdrawn) A composition as claimed in claim 21 comprising
  - (A) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of formulae (Ia), (IIa) and (IVa)

$$B(-OCH2-CH2OCH3)3 (Ia)$$

$$O=C(-OCH_2-CH_2OCH_3)_2$$
 (IIa)

$$S(-OCH2-CH2OCH3)2$$
 (IVa)

and

- (B) a conducting salt LiBF<sub>4</sub> or a mixture of LiBF<sub>4</sub> and LiPF<sub>6</sub>.
- 26. (previously presented) A Li-ion battery wherein the electrolyte consists essentially of
  - (A)  $O = P (-OCH_2CH_2OCH_3)_3$  and
  - (B) a conducting salt LiBF<sub>4</sub>.
- 27. (withdrawn) A composition as claimed in claim 21 comprising
  - (A)  $Si(-OCH_2CH_2OCH_3)_4$  and .
  - (B) a conducting salt LiBF<sub>4</sub> or a mixture of LiBF<sub>4</sub> and LiBF<sub>6</sub>.